

FREMONT BOARD OF SELECTMEN**08 SEPTEMBER 2005****APPROVED 09/15/2005**

At 6:00 pm the Board's meeting was called to order by Chairman Cordes. Present were Cordes, Donald Gates Jr, Peter Bolduc, and Heidi Carlson.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the minutes for September 1, 2005. Some corrections were made. Motion was made by Bolduc and seconded by Gates to approve the minutes for 01 September 2005 as corrected. The vote was unanimously approved.
2. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence. This included updates from the NH DOT regarding a new office called the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance; a report and punchlist for the final work remaining on Treaty Court (copied to the Road Agent).
3. Selectmen reviewed several correspondences this week regarding the Glen Oakes property. Mike Speltz of the Society for Protection of NH Forests has now asked the Conservation Commission to spend additional survey monies for surveying the 25 additional acres of easement area that are to be reserved by the Lawrence family for two future house lots.

The Selectmen would like to know from Tom Brouillette what the issues are regarding his survey work and its lack of alignment with the Copp Drive subdivision work. So moved by Bolduc and seconded by Gates. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

4. Selectmen reviewed a letter from Community Bank in Wolfeboro, faxed in late this afternoon regarding the Ferwerda letters of credit. Mr Donald St Germain, a bank Senior Vice President and Senior Loan Officer, indicates that the work to prepare the revised LOC's will take two to three weeks, but committed in a phone conversation with Carlson to the bank presenting the town with the money if the new letters of credit cannot be produced. He said he was certain it would all move ahead, but was not his decision to make.

Selectmen discussed this at length and drafted a memorandum to Mr Ferwerda indicating that no further permitting or inspections would take place until his project was back in compliance with Town Regulations and the letters of credit were in place.

5. Selectmen reviewed documentation relative to the town forest harvest. Revenues totaling \$1,864.17 were received with these reports. Copies were forwarded to the Conservation Commission to review as well. Selectmen asked for Carlson to follow up with Charlie Moreno regarding his markings and how the tallies compare with actual cut volumes, and what level of completion the project is at.
6. Selectmen reviewed an email from Pat Martel regarding tree replacement. The Martels have advised they want a tree costing double what the Selectmen had offered. Selectmen discussed this and will draft a letter to the Martels with a follow-up response.
7. To follow-up an earlier request, Selectmen reviewed some information from the Community Resource Association (CRA) regarding a request to link to the Town's website to better reach children and their families in Fremont. CRA is a non-profit organization looking to outreach for children and community resources. Selectmen decided to allow the link on a trial basis, after talking with the webmaster about setting it up.

At 6:40 pm Department Heads Richard Heselton and Neal Janvrin were present. The Department Head session began at 6:55 pm.

Chief Janvrin said that he did not have anything for the Board, as he had not yet had time to look at the fuel and equipment costs discussed last week due to him covering all patrol shifts

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(with no admin days). He said he is also still working on the OHRV policy. Another part-time officer has been called to active duty due to Hurricane Katrina.

Bolduc questioned bullet holes in a stop sign at the intersection of South and Sandown Roads. Janvrin said at least one is old, and they have looked into the matter.

Chief Heselton expressed concern about not knowing some of the new rescue members who have keys to the Safety Complex and asked if the policy on background and license checks is being followed. He thought it would be good for all new members to be introduced to the Board of Selectmen, and perhaps to at least other department heads.

Chief Janvrin indicated that the safety services hiring policy said that all candidates must be presented for appointment to the Board of Selectmen. The new applicant policy for the fire, rescue and police department members was consulted and Chief Janvrin read aloud where it states that any new member shall be presented to the Board of Selectmen for appointment.

Chief Heselton advised that fire department members are issued direction about rules of the road.

Chief Heselton discussed a "shake" in the new truck even at low speed. Heselton has looked into the matter, and been advised that the Pirelli tires on the truck are the problem.

A return letter from Raymond Dispatch was copied to the Selectmen regarding the issue discussed last week with regard to alarms at Ellis School and the Colonial Poplin facility.

Chief Janvrin left the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Heselton said that there are still five or six school cars parked at the Safety Complex every day. He said he would further address it with Chief Janvrin as necessary.

Heselton said that he saw a near-accident at the intersection of Scribner Road and Main Street because of the old utility poles that have not yet been removed.

Heselton indicated he met with Wayne Kinney about the Gristmill subdivision and they are ready to go ahead with their water protection source. Heselton said it occurred to him when out there today that there will be maintenance charges associated with this as there is a light pole and meter at the well at this location that the Town will eventually have to assume (when the subdivision is completed). (Power runs the deep well pump at the location). He indicated he has put an allowance in his 2006 budget request for hydrant and cistern maintenance, and over time, this will be an increasing responsibility for the Town.

Heselton said he applied today for a matching grant on forestry equipment. This may provide the Town another approximately \$1,200 in forestry gear.

Heselton reported that the Witham hydrant had been installed without having been inspected by the Fremont Fire Department. Heselton went to view the site and saw that the standpipe was too close to a building and when a hydrant wrench is used, it is six inches too short to turn the wrench. Heselton said that he has asked them to move it.

With no further matters, Chief Heselton left the meeting at approximately 7:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed and approved the accounts payable manifest \$28,392.59 and payroll manifest \$21,247.13 both dated September 8, 2005. Two copies of each were signed.

2. The 2006 Building Inspector budget was distributed for Board members to review.
3. Selectmen reviewed an anonymous letter sent to town officials complaining about the fact that the Colonial Poplin facility and assisted living does not have adequate refrigerator space, suggesting that the Town donate one. With no one to respond to, Selectmen put the letter on file.
4. Selectmen discussed the schedule for the coming weeks, and for budget review timeline. A budget work session was set for Wednesday September 21, 1005 at 6:00 pm. No appointments will be taken.

At 7:50 pm Joe Gaudet met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss his property at 16 Sunny Lane. He explained that he had rented out his house for the past two years and that his tenant "trashed it." He said now that he feels he has no choice but to tear the building down.

He discussed his arrangement with the tenant but said that much of the work he had said he would do, was not done. He said he has since found a lot of building materials in the attic and in the cellar, and a lot of the work is not done, and work that was done is not proper or to code. He said that the windows need to be replaced, and that the code officer has said he wants to see all of the wiring, as it is fully unknown what is in the walls.

Gaudet feels that the practical aspect is that the building needs to come down. Thom Roy has indicated as a code matter, that the structure can not ever be inhabited, and should be torn down. Gaudet said that right now he is in a real bind because he can't do anything with it, and financially can't complete a demolition right now. What he currently owes on it is more than he feels it is worth. The value is inherent in the land and its well and septic system.

He said he has removed 200 bags of trash from the property, and continues to work on cleanup on his days off. He said the doors are locked, but not all boarded up yet because he is still working on cleaning it up. Gaudet said the propane tank has been removed and the electricity has been shut off (meter pulled). Further he stated that there are no open pits or wells on the site, but the perimeter of the property is not roped off. He felt his one remaining problem was determining what is in certain paint cans that are unlabeled in the building. He was advised of the hazardous waste cleanup day scheduled for Saturday in Brentwood.

Selectmen said they would talk further to Roy about the demolition matters and either the Board or Thom will get back to him. Gaudet said he can continue to work on the demolition, but it will take him time given his current lack of funding. Selectmen were satisfied that there were no imminent hazards at the building, based on Gaudet's information.

Selectmen thanked Gaudet for coming in, and said they would get back to him, or Thom Roy would, with a final determination. Gaudet said that he wanted to do what was necessary to be in compliance, and would continue to work on taking the building down.

Mr Gaudet left the meeting at 8:10 pm.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 8:20 pm Selectmen entered non-public session on a motion from Bolduc and second from Gates pursuant to NH RSA 91-A 3 II (c) to discuss performance evaluations. The vote was unanimously approved. Carlson left the meeting at this time to work in another room.

At 8:50 pm Gates moved to return to public session seconded by Bolduc. The vote was unanimously approved. Final forms are still to be done on the two evaluations.

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Selectmen reviewed and signed draft letters to Martin Ferwerda, NH DOT, NH DRED, and Pat deBeer.

NEXT WEEK

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday September 15, 2005 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Cordes and seconded by Gates to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator